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[54] **INTRAVASCULAR RADIALLY EXPANDABLE STENT**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An improved radially expandable stent formed from a fine wire bent into a serpentine flat ribbon which is wound around a mandrel into a cylindrical sleeve for mounting on a balloon catheter for transluminal insertion in a vessel such as a blood vessel is provided. A very small diameter fine platinum wire is used to form the basic cylindrical sleeve and it is welded to a pigtail of the wire forming the sleeve to provide longitudinal stability.

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